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U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICESerial No.: 09/900,881
Inventor(s): Bikson, et al.
Title: INTERNAL HOLLOW FIBER
MEMBRANE GAS DRYER AND
FILTRATION DEVICEGroup Art Unit: 1724
Filed: July 10, 2001
Examiner: SpitzerRECEIVED
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TC 1700PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ACCOMPANYING FEESCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

(A) Extension of Time and Requisite Fee:

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions the Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for a period of time indicated in the box below.

(1) Original Period for Response was Set to Expire on:
7/9/03
 (Month/Day/Year)

(2) Statutory Period Expires 10/9/03
 (Month/Day/Year)

Extension now requested (NOT TO EXCEED STATUTORY PERIOD) is for the following period of time from date (1) above:

		Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$ 420.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$ 950.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit is requested for prior extension fees paid	\$ _____.

(B) Additional Fee for Response filed herewith:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment (additional claims)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notice of Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appeal Brief	\$320.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration			\$130.00

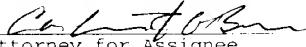
(C) Total Fee for this Petition and any Response filed herewith:

The total fee, in the amount of \$ 950.00, is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required for this Petition and/or Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Praxair, Inc.
Danbury, Connecticut 06810-5113


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Dated: October 1, 2003
 Our Ref: D-21126

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